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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Douglas A. NEWBERG

For: DRAINABLE FERRULE VALVE DESIGN

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of seventy-two (72) pages
- ☒ Twenty-two (22) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☐ Original ☒ Photocopy)
- ☒ A statement (☐ original ☒ photocopy) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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Title: DRAINABLE FERRULE VALVE DESIGN

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- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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☐ the application identified above.
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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(a) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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